GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Erosion of Coastline
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastline of Odisha is under threat of erosion and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to protect the coastline; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) As per information available from Coastal Erosion Directorate, Ministry of Water Resources, and the assessment done by National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Chennai, 8.19% of the Odisha coast is erosion prone. As per the shoreline change study, the coast line of Odisha is experiencing high to low erosion.

(b) & (c)To combat coastal erosion, the State Government of Odisha, under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project, has undertaken scientific studies. Different erosion control measures instituted in this regard include soft engineering technologies like geo-tube embankments, mangrove afforestation, etc.

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